

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 132, “Emergency Medical Service—Service Program Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 132 describe the standards for the authorization of EMS services. These proposed amendments remove references to basic care.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before December 7, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definitions of “Basic ambulance service” and “Basic care” in rule **641—132.1(147A)**.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **132.7(5)“a”** as follows:

a. A temporary service program authorization may be issued to services that wish to operate during special events that may need emergency medical care coverage ~~at a level other than basic care~~. Temporary authorization is valid for a period of 30 days unless otherwise specified on the certificate of authorization or unless sooner suspended or revoked. Temporary authorization shall apply to those requirements and standards for which the department is responsible. Applicants shall complete and submit the necessary forms to the department at least 30 days prior to the anticipated date of need.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve subparagraph **132.8(2)“a”(1)**.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 132.8(9) as follows:

132.8(9) Implementation. The director may grant exceptions and variances from the requirements of this chapter for any ambulance or nontransport service. Exceptions or variations shall be reasonably related to undue hardships which existing services experience in complying with this chapter. Services requesting exceptions and variances shall be subject to other applicable rules adopted pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147A. ~~Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any nontransport service to provide a level of care beyond minimum basic care standards.~~